

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

BRANDON BENEDICT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brandon Benedict for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Brandon Benedict is a student at Arvada West H.S. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Brandon Benedict is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Brandon Benedict for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING JESSE TURNER
MORRIS, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jesse Turner Morris, Jr. Jesse Turner Morris, Jr. was a civil rights activist. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 8, 1937 to Amanda Louise Wooten Morris and Jesse Turner Morris. In the early part of his life the family lived in Wilmington, Delaware. Jesse would later move to Los Angeles, California where he graduated from Polytechnic High School. Mr. Morris' love for math led him to obtain a BS degree in Economics from UCLA, where he was a member of the swim team. He furthered his education by obtaining a master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Iowa State University. In the early 1960s Mr. Morris moved to Jackson, Mississippi and began in earnest his work to empower Black southerners working with the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO). Through his involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, Mr. Morris met Euverest Simpson, with whom he had a 22-year marriage and five children. Black institution building was one of his long-term goals, and in 1966, Mr. Morris helped establish the Poor People's Cooperative, which provided loans and assistance to poor people to start cooperative businesses and actualize a life beyond the limitations of the racist system of sharecropping. Mr. Morris commitment to

Black empowerment was unwavering and continued long after the Movement ended. Mr. Morris served as director of the Emergency Land Fund for 15 years continuing the work that initially brought him to Mississippi, fighting to prevent Black people from losing their land. During this time, he served on the Editorial Board of The Review of Black Political Economy. In 1984, Mr. Morris became the first Executive Director of the Mississippi Food Bank, a clearinghouse for food for charitable organizations in central Mississippi. In later years, he worked with the U.N.I. Teaching Youth program and volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children, while continuing to support voter registration efforts and initiatives to preserve civil rights history. Mr. Morris loved a good joke or prank and was always an advocate of Black self-determination. Mr. Morris is survived by his children, Earl Morris (Natilyn), Orlando Morris (Trish), and Omar Morris of Jackson, Mississippi, Tiyi Morris (Judson L. Jeffries) of Westerville, Ohio, and Jessica Morris (Thomas Anderson) of Coconut Creek, Florida.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late civil rights activist Mr. Jesse Turner Morris, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH
PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF
SUFFRAGAN BISHOP AVERY
DUMAS III AND FIRST LADY
ROSALIND DUMAS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Suffragan Bishop Avery Dumas III and First Lady Rosalind Dumas of Ann Arbor on the occasion of their 20th Pastoral Anniversary. Their contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Suffragan Bishop Dumas is the son of District Elder Avery Dumas Jr. and First Lady emeritus Jeanette Dumas. A graduate of Ypsilanti Public Schools, he attended DeVry Institute of Technology and worked in the technological field for major corporations before being installed as the Pastor of New Grace Apostolic Temple on March 31, 2001 by Bishop Harry L. Herman, Diocesan Bishop of the 5th Episcopal District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. His installation service took place just one day before the passing of his father, mentor, and best friend, District Elder Avery Dumas Jr.

He has gracefully upheld the legacy of service that begun with his father and grandfather who originally served as pastor of the church. Suffragan Bishop Dumas serves as the chairman of the Ghana Council in Africa and oversees other churches and pastors in his position as Suffragan Bishop. Well known in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti community, their church has touched countless lives through their jail

and prison ministry, charity drives, campus outreach, and community events.

Suffragan Bishop Dumas married First Lady Rosalind Lee Dumas in June 1986 and together they have three children, Jennifer Lee, Madison Elyse, and Avery Dumas IV. Those who know him describe him as a dynamic servant leader and as "a man after God's heart."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Suffragan Bishop Avery Dumas III and First Lady Rosalind Dumas on their 20th Pastoral Anniversary. I join with the Dumas' family, friends, and the entire congregation of the New Grace Apostolic Temple in extending my best wishes and gratitude to them on their pastoral anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR
GENERAL DAN HELIX

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Major General Dan Helix.

Dan grew up in West Berkeley, California and in 1948 he began his 41-year career with the United States Army and Army Reserve. He enlisted as a private, but was soon commissioned as an Infantry second lieutenant in 1951. Dan continued to rise through the ranks, serving as a platoon leader and company commander of a rifle company with the 45th Infantry Division during the Korean War. Following the end of the war, Dan worked for Army Intelligence in Japan where he met his future wife, Mary Lou. The couple dated for a few short months before getting married in 1953.

Dan and Mary Lou moved to Concord, California in 1955. Dan attended the University of California, Berkeley where he earned a bachelor's degree in History. He later went on to obtain a master's degree in political science from San Francisco State University. It was while teaching high school government that Dan decided to enter local politics. He was first elected to the Concord City Council in 1968, serving for eight years before eventually going on to serve as a director of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District. During Dan's time with the BART District, he worked to provide discounts for senior riders and supported the promotion of a woman to the then all-male board of directors. He returned to the Concord City Council in 2010 as an appointee and was elected to one final term in 2012. During both of his tenures on the City Council, Dan served terms as mayor.

In 1989, Dan retired from the U.S. Army as a Major General. As a Korean War Veteran, Dan earned the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V" Device, and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster among other commendations

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during a distinguished career spent both in active duty and with the Army Reserve. He is also a member of the U.S. Army's Infantry Hall of Fame.

As a leader in Concord, Dan was a former president of both the Concord Rotary Club and the former Mt. Diablo Hospital Foundation, Concord campus, as well as a member of a U.S. Congressional commission that evaluated potential changes to the Department of the Army. He also advocated for the preservation of the Lime Ridge Open Space, helped establish the Family Justice Center, and was instrumental in the building of the Senior Center.

Sadly, Dan passed away in March at the age of 91. He was a cherished resident of Concord who dedicated his life to helping others. Please join me in honoring Major General Dan Helix for his many contributions to our country and our community.

BLAKE JANNEY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Blake Janney for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Blake Janney is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Blake Janney is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Blake Janney for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF FLONZIE BROWN-WRIGHT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a remarkable individual, retired Flonzie Brown-Wright.

Flonzie, a native of rural Farmhaven, Mississippi, is the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Little Brown, Sr. She and her brothers, the late Sydney and the late Frank Jr. grew up in Canton, MS. She attended both public and private schools of Farmhaven and Canton, Mississippi. Flonzie received a Fain Fellowship and attended Tougaloo College, where her concentration was Political Science, PreLaw, and Black History. She graduated from the Institute of Politics at Millsaps College in Jackson and served the college as Vice-President of the Institute

where she taught, "Grass-roots Organizing and Campaign Management." She is the recipient of one honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters from Tougaloo College in 2018, and a Special Presidential Honors Award from LeMoyne College of Syracuse, New York.

Flonzie's employment and professional career has spread from the dusty roads of Mississippi to the White House as she interacted with many individuals of national prominence. She was inspired to become involved in the civil rights movement in 1963, just after the assassination of Medgar Evers. Her inspiration continues in a myriad of creative community initiatives across the country where she lectures and provides motivational opportunities to a cross section of audiences. She continues to be a much sought-after speaker.

On November 5th, 1968, Flonzie was the first African American female elected to public office in a bi-racial Mississippi town. She celebrated the 50th anniversary of her historic election in 2018. The position of Election Commissioner in Canton, MS, allowed her to correct many voting rights injustices throughout the state.

She authored and published her first book, "Looking Back to Move Ahead," in 1994. In 1999, the book became a Best Seller for an Independent Author. This memoir chronicles her growing up years in a small rural Mississippi town and salutes the involvement of scores of unsung heroes and sheroes who were similarly involved in the civil rights movement in the 1960's and 1970's in Madison County and Jackson, Mississippi. Flonzie worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ambassador Andrew Young, Marian Wright Edelman, Constance Slaughter Harvey, Alice Walker, Judge Reuben Anderson and many other humanitarian activists, locally and nationally.

Flonzie is the recipient of more than 400 national, state, church, and community service awards including the National FBI Citizens Award presented by former FBI Director James Comey in 2017 in Washington D.C. She is a member of the National Association of Female Executives, NAACP, SCLC, NCNW, and Women for Progress, Inc., among other organizations.

She is president and CEO of FBW & Associates, Inc., a marketing consulting firm and is the founder of the Flonzie B. Wright Scholarship Foundation, a foundation designed to encourage students to stay in school. This foundation has provided more than \$45,000.00 in scholarship dollars and other enhancements to many students.

Flonzie is featured in the documentary, "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders." This award-winning film honors African American and Caucasian women, who were involved in the Southern Civil Rights Movement, including Annie Devine, Unita Blackwell, and Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, to name a few. They were honored for their work at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. She has been featured in Purpose Magazine, Tomorrow's South, "Black America Series, Madison County, MS," "The Sip" and has self-produced two documentaries, "Standing Tall in Tough Times" and "Before I'll Be Your Slave." She has been featured in many other publications and documentaries. Flonzie gave the Keynote Speech in Dayton, Ohio the night Barack Obama accepted the Democratic Party's Presidential

Nomination, August 2008. Most recently, Flonzie was featured on the cover of the January 2018 issue of the Metro Christian Magazine.

Before relocating to Mississippi, Flonzie served the Miami University in Middletown, Ohio as Student Affairs Scholar in Residence where she co-wrote a new curriculum, "Black Issues in Higher Education." Even though her travels have been extensive and her achievements many, she simply refers to herself as, "Just a Country Girl from Mississippi who loves the Lord and ALL people."

She is a member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, and is the mother of three children: Cynthia, Edward (deceased), and Darrell.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Flonzie Brown-Wright.

HONORING THE STATUE UNVEILING
OF EARL FRANCIS LLOYD

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the statue unveiling of Earl Francis Lloyd, the first African American to play in a National Basketball Association game. The City of Alexandria hosted a virtual unveiling for Mr. Lloyd's statue on Saturday, April 3, 2021.

Despite the challenges he faced in his personal and professional life, Mr. Lloyd was able to succeed while displaying compassion, leadership, and determination. On October 31, 1950, Mr. Lloyd became the first African American to play in an NBA game and played in seven games before being drafted into the Army. He returned in 1952 and played for the Syracuse Nationals.

Mr. Lloyd further established African American players by becoming an assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons in 1968 before taking over as head coach in 1971.

Please join me in commemorating the statue of Mr. Lloyd, a native Alexandrian who exemplified excellence throughout his life.

CONGRATULATING GREENEVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS BASKETBALL
TEAM ON WINNING 2021
TENNESSEE 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 5, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a boys basketball team from Greeneville City High School, in our First Congressional District in Tennessee, that recently won the 2A State Championship. The Greeneville Greene Devils, under the leadership of Head Coach Brad Woolsey, and Assistant Coaches Nathan Hall and Josh Bennett, won its first state championship in program history just one year after the team punched their ticket to the state tournament that ended up being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That unfilled journey